

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Daniel et al.) Attorney Reference: 25057-57
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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR)
INTERACTIVE VIRTUAL REALITY)
REALITY PROCESS CONTROL)
AND SIMULATION)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby submit this Preliminary Amendment to the nonprovisional, divisional application being submitted simultaneously herewith. The application being filed herewith is a divisional application claiming priority to co-pending, allowed application Serial Number 09/250,850 (the "parent" application). Applicants request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to examination of the current divisional application.

It is the purpose of this Preliminary Amendment to enter a substitute specification, as was done in the parent application, and to cancel the pending allowed claims in favor of claims directed to the invention that is the subject matter of this divisional application. Applicants request entry of this amendment and consideration of the Remarks set forth below.

Amendments

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the specification as filed with the substitute Specification attached hereto.

Attached as Appendix A is a copy of the substitute Specification as amended. For the Examiner's convenience, attached as Appendix B is a copy of the original specification as filed, showing the amendments made thereto as presented in the substitute Specification.

Please insert in the substitute Specification, attached hereto as Appendix A, the following sentence immediately after the Title of the Invention: – This is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/250,850, filed 17 February 1999, which application is allowed and is co-pending as of the filing date hereof. –

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel without prejudice claims 1-62 and 69-73.

Please add claims 74-142. These claims are attached hereto as Appendix C.

Remarks

As indicated, this application is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/250,850, filed 17 February 1999 (the "parent" application), and is entitled for priority purposes to the effective priority date of the parent application. The claims pending in that application have been allowed, and that application is still pending as of the filing date hereof.

In the parent application, Applicants submitted a substitute specification. The substitute specification was accepted. The substitute specification did not set forth new matter, but was amended in light of the original disclosure for clarity and completeness. This amendment is to enter the substitute specification in this application. The substitute specification itself is attached as

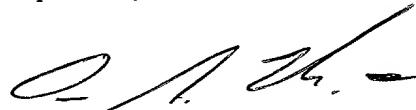
Appendix A to this Preliminary Amendment. Attached as Appendix B is a "mark up" copy of the original specification as filed, with additions and deletions clearly indicated to show the differences between the original specification as filed and the substitute specification.

In the parent application and by amendment therein, claims numbered 1 through 73 were submitted and considered. During prosecution of the parent application, claims 63 - 68 were cancelled. The remaining claims, as amended, were allowed.

In this amendment, all of the pending claims, that is, claims 1-62 and 69-74 are cancelled without prejudice as having been allowed in the parent application. Applicants submit herewith claims 74-142 for examination herein. These claims are presented in Appendix C hereto, and are directed to subject matter that is fully disclosed in the original and substitute specification. No new matter is set forth in the claims being added by this amendment.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments prior to examination on the merits of the application. Applicants submit that the newly added claims are allowable, and solicit an early notice of allowance thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



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